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December 27, 1782.—Capt. Robinson, Mr. Pitt, Mrs. Tazewell, Paradise's Estate, Mr. Wm. Wilkinson, Samuel Beall, Esq., Capt. Kilby, Capt. Crawley (wife), Mr. Deane, Mr. Phil. Moody, Col. Digges.

December 29th.—Mr. Pitt, Mr. Thomas Cowles, Mr. Giles, Capt. Robinson, Mr. Reynolds, Esq.

30th.—Mrs. Finnie, Capt. Massonburg, Mr. James Craig, Jo. Prentis, Esq., Mr. Honey, Mr. Wm. Cole, Mr. Wm. Mallory, Mr. Honey.

ALEXANDER FAMILY.

This family claims descent from Sir William Alexander, Earl of Stirling, but the claim has not yet been substantiated. The ancestor of the family in Virginia was 1 JOHN¹ ALEXANDER, who in company with Littleton Scarborough and Tabitha Smart, children of Col. Edmund Scarborough, obtained a grant for 1,500 acres in Northampton county on March 24, 1659. In 1664 John Alexander obtained a grant for 1,450 acres formerly granted to John Bagnall and John Walter, and by them assigned to Edmund Scarborough 13 Aug., 1656, and by Scarborough assigned to John Alexander March 10, 1659. In 1664, as John Alexander, Sr., he patented land in Westmoreland on Attopin Creek. He had issue 2 John² Alexander, Jr., mentioned in a patent March 3, 1664, for land in Westmoreland to "Robert Alexander, John Alexander, Jr., and Christopher" (*Lunn*). He appears to have died without issue. 3 *Robert*², of whom hereafter; 4 *Philip*², of whom hereafter. (*Birch v. Alexander*, Washington's Reports.)

It would seem as if John Alexander was a connection of Col. Scarborough. The following letter to John Alexander, Jr., is recorded in Accomac court:

LETTER TO MR. JOHN ALEXANDER.

Exon this 18th of September, 1663.

Mr John Alexander and Loueing ffreind our kind Respects to you and yo^{rs} wee recd ꝑ Mr Samuel Stokes y^e Tobb. you sent vs in y^e shipp Samuell, as also twenty hhds ꝑ Mr Thomas Sheppard, though far worse than y^e former, wth letters of Incouragement from y^e Coll * for a future trade, what trade you finde wee know

* Was not Col. Scarborough meant?

not, but here it hath proved so bad this yeare that wee are Resolved unlesse y^e trade do mend to desert and to that end have sent y^e shipp another way, otherwise should have answered y^e Collonells desires and yours Therefore what goods you have left in y^e country you may send either to Plymouth or Topsham as you can best freight with y^e planters of y^r Accompt, and either charge bills on vs, for what shall be more du or order what goods y^u will have sent and by whome, and it shall bee honestly paid or sent upon receipt of yo^r acco^t, wee would have sent some goods now: But haueing noe order by what shipp we doe omitt it, likewise their was a Bill charged upon vs of twenty pounds by y^e Coll payable to M^r Tapley wee did not pay it for want of an order from you, haueing no dealings wth him, but offered ye money with M^r Tapley provided hee would give vs a discharge as from you w^{ch} I hope hee will inform you of, when hee speakes wth you who parted from Buy the ford about five weekes since. Likewise wee entreat you as from vs to give yo^r ffather our harty thanks wth sattisfaction for his charge and trouble, and charge it likewise on vs in y^e accompt when you send y^e particulers, and if wee may any way prove serviceable to him here, hee may freely comand vs. Tobacco here this yeare was worth from 3^d to 4^d $\frac{1}{2}$ best. Duty being paid and freight, you may conceive what Encouragem^t wee haue. However nothing shall hinder but that wee are

Yo^r assured Lo: ffrinds,

EDWARD HICKMAN,
SAMUELL CALLE,
JOHN MANNINGTON.

ffor M^r John Alexander, M^rchant.

These p^rsent at Potomack in Virginia.

Recorded y^e 16th of April, 1664.

§ Mr. Rob^t Hutchinson Cl Cur Co: Accom^k.

(To be Continued.)

RANDOLPH FAMILY.

(Continued.)

Issue of Thomas and Jane (Cary) Randolph: 1 Archbald Cary, captain Twelfth U. S. Infantry, 1812, resigned; married Susan, daughter of Nat. Burwell, of Carter Hall, Clarke Co. 2